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**For: GAMING DEVICE HAVING GRADUATING)
AWARD EXCHANGE SEQUENCE WITH A)
TEASE CONSOLATION SEQUENCE)
AND AN INITIAL QUALIFYING SEQUENCE)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified application:


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after line 3, please add:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

17 This application is related to the following commonly-owned co-pending patent applications: "Gaming Device Having Separately Changeable Value And Modifier Bonus Scheme," Serial No. 09/626,045, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-010; "Gaming Device Having A Bonus Scheme With Multiple Selection Groups," Serial No. 09/656,702, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-008; "Gaming Device Having An Award Exchange Bonus Round And Method For Revealing Award Exchange Possibilities," Serial No. 09/689,510, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-140; "Gaming Device Having Game Scheme Allowing Player Skill To Affect Symbol Movement Without Affecting Award," Serial No. 09/684,535, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-480;

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Adam H. Masia".

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